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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Personnel

SUBJECT :

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1. [REDACTED] wrote to Mr. Maisano, Administrative Assistant to Senator John O. Pastore, who is one of the senators from [REDACTED] home state of Rhode Island. Senator Pastore wrote to the Director expressing concern over the handling of the case. Accordingly, Mr. Pforzheimer and I discussed the case with Senator Pastore and Mr. Maisano this morning in considerable detail. It turns out that Mr. Maisano has known [REDACTED] from childhood and believes that [REDACTED] has complete confidence in him. He offered to intercede in the case, but Senator Pastore very properly instructed him to stay at arm's length in any action he might take.

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2. Both the Senator and Mr. Maisano stated they were completely satisfied with the personnel relationships displayed in our report and in our approach to the problem. Senator Pastore said in any case he would not presume to tell us how to run our business, but he just wished to get the facts. He asked if it would not be possible to leave [REDACTED] on some sort of leave of absence indefinitely until he might come around the corner on his rehabilitation. I said it was our feeling that it was in [REDACTED] own interest to resign at this time both for medical reasons and in order to prejudice himself to the smallest extent. I pointed out that based on the medical ruling if [REDACTED] were to leave the hospital and present himself to us as reporting to duty we would be forced to take termination action which would require a report of termination to the Civil Service Commission and would definitely be prejudicial. If he resigns for illness, of course, it would be the prejudice attending any hospitalization, but not the additional onus of adverse administrative action. Senator Pastore directed Mr. Maisano to talk to Dr. Crushard about the case and if the Doctor agreed on resignation to ask him to make one more attempt to get [REDACTED] to resign. Then, after talking with the Doctor, Mr. Maisano would write to [REDACTED] on a personal basis saying he looked into the case thoroughly and believed that [REDACTED] should take the Doctor's advice. The Senator specifically told Mr. Maisano not to get involved beyond this point.

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3. The Senator thanked us for our attention to the matter, and Mr. Maisano remarked to Mr. Pflersheimer that he understood that the Central Intelligence Agency's personnel relationships were very good.

4. I will retain the file, including the recommended reference to the Employment Review Board, until we hear further from Mr. Maisano.

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